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PROCLAMATION

OLDER AMERICAN MONTH "Communities of Strength"

- WHEREAS, Every May, the Administration for Community Living leads our nation's observance of Older Americans Month; and,
- WHEREAS, the theme for 2021 is "Communities of Strength"; and,
- WHEREAS, Older adults have built resilience and strength over their lives through successes failures, joys, and difficulties; and,
- WHEREAS, their stories and contributions help to support and inspire others; and,
- WHEREAS, this month, we will celebrate the strength of older adults and the Aging Network, with special emphasis on the power of connection and engagement in building strong communities; and,
- WHEREAS, there are many things we all can do to nurture ourselves, reinforce our strength, and continue to thrive. Connecting with others is one of the most important-it plays a vital role in our health and well-being, and in that of our communities; and,
- WHEREAS, from finding joy in small things and sharing our stories, to looking at the big picture and giving to others, join us in promoting the ways we are connected and strong.

NOW THEREFORE, I, LEMANU P. S. MAUGA, Governor of American Samoa, do hereby proclaim May 2021 to be Older Americans Month. I urge every member of our community to take time this month to honor our older adults and the professionals, family members, volunteers, and caregivers who are there for them. Our recognition and involvement with older American Samoans can enrich our entire island community's quality of life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my hand and the seal of my Office on this 11th day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-one.

Governor of American Samoa